

**Oregon Tualatin Valley
Amateur Radio Club**

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Our 30th Anniversary Year

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We seek to advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone. An amateur radio license is not required.

CLUB REACHES 200 MEMBER MILESTONE

Members can give one another a "pat on the back" as we reach and surpass the 200 member mark. That achievement was reached with the addition of three new members at the November meeting. The latest members were introduced to the club through the Fall General Class Upgrade Series.

Membership size is not the only measure of strength for an amateur radio club. Meeting its purposes on a regular basis is a good measure of strength. Our purposes are listed, in general terms, at the top of each issue of THE OSCILLATOR. These include Education (new and licensed hams); Public Service and Emergency Communications; Hobby nets, contests, and meetings; and, Social Events. During 2008 we have reached important goals in each of these areas.

Our membership lives in Oregon and Washington primarily. However, we have members in four other states. The majority of our members are Regular or Family Members and more than 40% of our Membership is classified Life Member (Age 70 with 10 years of membership).

Everett Curry W6ABM, our Membership Chairman, has been encouraging us to introduce the club to the hundreds of licensed amateur radio operators in Washington County who are not affiliated with any club. He will assist you on request.

CLUB HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Wednesday,
December 10th

The Annual HOLIDAY SOCIAL will be held at The Peppermill Restaurant, 17455 SW Farmington Road in Beaverton. Our Social begins at 6:00 PM with a brief Club Meeting at 7:00 PM to announce election results.

Admission is \$5.00 including food and two drawing tickets (additional tickets may be purchased). Family members and friends are welcome to come with you. Guests are always welcome and an amateur radio license is not required.

Check out our web site: www.otvarc.org for more information.

ELECTION IN PROCESS

The club is conducting its election of four officers and two trustees to serve with three other trustees as your 2009 Board of Directors. This annual process allows the members to select the leaders who will guide the club in reaching its purposes during the coming year. Officers serve one-year terms and may be re-elected. Trustees serve two-year terms and may be re-elected. Continuing Trustees are: JD Fort K7JDF; Phil Kane K2ASP; and, Ron O'Connor KD7VIK. They will be joined by Wes Allen K7WWG and Joel Simmons AD7IS both of whom served in these roles for the past two-years (pending election). Officers running unopposed are: for Vice President, Don Baldwin AA2V; for Secretary Jennifer Roberson K7JLF; and for Treasurer Alvin Carlson KB7VHI (pending election).

The competitive election for President will determine who will lead this team. Robert Crocker WN7O and Pat Roberson N7PAT are each running for this position. Robert has served as President and is seeking re-election. Pat has served as Vice President in 2008 and is seeking a move to the lead role.

The decision is yours. At the time of this writing, 40 ballots have been returned to the postal box. Ballots are due in the box (OTVARC Ballot, 880 NE 25th, STE 2-160, Hillsboro OR 97124) by December 10th or at the meeting by 6:00 pm.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL DECEMBER 10th

The Annual HOLIDAY SOCIAL is December 10th at The Peppermill Restaurant in Beaverton. JD Fort K7JDF is our Coordinator. A \$5.00 Admission Fee includes food (see list below) and two tickets in the drawing for the "big prize." Other prizes will be given by drawing. A brief meeting to report election results will be held. The reception-style event will feature:

6:00 PM**MENU**

Chicken Strips
Italian Meatballs
Mini Burgers
Mini Corndogs

Vegetable Platter With Ranch Dressing

Homemade Cookies
Oatmeal Golden Raisin, Chocolate Chip, White
Chocolate Pecan
Soft Drinks Tea & Coffee Provided

Available No-Host Adult Beverage Service

7:00 PM

Brief Business Meeting
Prize Drawing
Election Result Announced

GRAND PRIZE

(Admission Tickets)

Yaesu VX-6R 144/220/440 HT

PRIZES

(Purchased Tickets)

Rival Crock Pot
Gevalia Coffee Maker
Kitchen Aid 5-piece Cutlery Set
Coleman One Burner Stove
Solid Hardwood Tool Chest
Dutch Oven

(Donated by Dr. Paul Schaff W7BBG)

Kenwood/Astron KPS-7 Supply (low power only)
Kenwood 2600A 2 Meter HT
Diamond SX-200 Power Meter

NOTE:

This is a Reception — NOT a Dinner Event

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for LUNCH BUNCH
Saturday, December 27th
1:30 pm

Happy Panda Restaurant
1415 NW 185th Avenue
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Information?
Linda KC7YTD
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WAS WATCH

Our Club Station W7OTV has been active in a variety of settings this last year. Currently we need Arkansas, New Jersey, and North Dakota for WAS with W7OTV.

WAS WATCH

VERIFIED CONTACTS	47
NEED	3

DXCC AWARD

There is a "private competition" going on in the club between active DXers Michael Fuller K7CIE and Ron O'Connor KD7VIK. They are both pursuing the The DX Century Club Award (DXCC). This is the premier operating award in all of Amateur Radio. A basic DXCC certificate is awarded for working and confirming at least 100 entities on the ARRL DXCC List. Word is K7CIE is leading!

Do you have a DXCC Award? Send your name, call, and DX entities confirmed to otvarc@gmail.com and we'll include you on a list to be printed in a future issue of THE OSCILLATOR.

STANFORD ARC W6YX—85th Year

As Stanford University celebrates its 118th year, the Stanford Amateur Radio Club is celebrating its 85th year of operation. Its' birth was on a dark and dreary day in 1922. The truth of this rumor cannot be proven, as records containing the club's history have mysteriously disappeared. Stanford University Radio Club became affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on March 8, 1924. In the twenties, the club's unique callsign was 6YX, which was changed circa 1927-28 to W6YX, a designation which it retains today.

The Stanford Amateur Radio Club is open to all licensed amateurs within the Stanford community, including undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Today it meets monthly with fifty students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members. Our area's Clark County ARC will be 79 in 2009.

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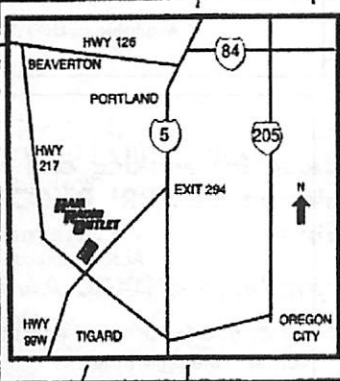
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NSW REPEATERS THREATENED BY FEES

VK2 repeaters may face eviction from sites across New South Wales, Australia, says Phil Wait VK2DKN in a news posting to Wireless Institute of Australia. The Director General of the NSW Department of Lands has written to the WIA upholding the Department's decision to impose a \$367 fee for each amateur radio facility located on NSW Crown Land.

The WIA had written to the Director General in August arguing for special consideration for communications facilities maintained by small amateur radio clubs, and highlighting the strategic community resource that amateur radio communications facilities provide during emergencies.

In the Department's reply, the Director General advises that the site rental fees are prescribed under NSW State legislation, and cannot be reduced below the minimum rent provisions in that legislation.

This is bad news for small amateur radio clubs which maintain repeater facilities on NSW Crown Land, and also for those larger clubs which have several affected repeater sites.

The likely outcome is the closure of a number of rural amateur radio repeater facilities, or at least their relocation to less favourable sites.

On the other hand, larger well resourced clubs may welcome the opportunity to enter into an agreement which guarantees secure tenure for their repeater sites located on Crown Land.

Individual NSW amateur radio clubs adversely affected by this new fee should consider their position carefully. Failure to enter into a rental agreement when asked to do so by the NSW Department of Lands may result in eviction from a Crown Land site.

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT
ADDRESS, PHONE, AND EMAIL?**

HAMFESTS & CONVENTIONS**14 February 2009****HAMFAIR****Salem Repeater Association****Polk County Fairgrounds****Rickreall, Oregon****Talk-In: 146.86(-) (PL 186.2)****Don Bruschi, K7UN****PO Box 5130****Salem, OR 97304-0130****Phone: 503-371-8070****k7un@arrl.net****http://www.w7sra.com****7 March 2009****Electronics Show****Mike and Key ARC****West. Washington Fairgrounds****Pavilion Exhibition Hall****Puyallup, Washington****Michael Dinkelman N7WA****22222 148th Avenue SE****Kent, WA 98042****253-631-3756****mwdink@eskimo.com****www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm****5 - 7 June 2009****SEA-PAC****NW DIV. ARRL CONVENTION****Seaside Convention Center****Seaside Oregon****www.seapac.org****Happy December Birthday**

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2 Bert Schmidt	W7JWG	17 Peter Hardiman	N7DUC
3 Gavin Silaski	K7AWS	19 Stan Griffiths	W7NI
3 Joan Schouweiler	N7LMK	19 Pete Thunem	WA7JBG
4 Howard Merritt	KD7ZLF	26 Kathleen Haupt	KE7EVV
6 Pat Griffiths	KA7UFG	27 Rox Heath	AD7RX
6 Phil Kane	K2ASP	27 Floyd Ragner	N7ONQ
9 Roland West	K7MCK	28 Ken Nordling	W7EZE
13 Richard Ballard	W7AND	31 Richard Bixler	WA7DKF
17 Steven Aamodt	K7SJA		

Have we missed your birthday?

Likely we do not have your correct date in our database.

Send updates and corrections to ot-varc@gmail.com



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS QSO PARTY

The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society will sponsor its annual LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS QSO PARTY from December 20, 2008 at 0001 UTC (4:00 PM PST Friday, December 19) through 2359 UTC on Sunday, January 4, 2009 (3:59 PM PST). The QSO Party is designed to promote public awareness of ham radio and lighthouses; to contribute to the recognition that lighthouses, lightships, and their keepers deserve; to foster camaraderie within the ham fraternity; and to provide fellowship amongst the members of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society.

Qualifying contacts include any and all modes. Suggested SSB freqs: 1950-1990, 3950-3990, 7250-7290, 14.250 - 14.290, 21.350-21.390, 28.350-28.390 (Calling on the centered 0.70 kHz on each band.) Suggested CW center freqs: 1830, 3530, 7030, 14.030, 21.030, 28.030 (these are center calling frequencies. Work 20 kHz each side of center). NO CREDIT will be given for contacts made on WARC bands. To alleviate QRM, you are encouraged to spread out and work SSB from 50 kHz to 90 kHz and on CW work from 10 kHz to 50 kHz (i.e., +/- 20 kHz of center.)

Each contact (member or nonmember) gives one point. Add two points more if contact is Lighthouse Society Member and three points more if contact is at a lighthouse or lightship. As an incentive for participants to activate a light beacon, we are instituting a multiplier. If you activate a lighthouse or lightship under the rules of the ARLHS, you'll qualify for an a 2x multiplier of your total score (as determined above).

Oregon Lighthouses: Cape Arago; Cape Blanco; Cape Meares Cleft of the Rock (Cape Perpetua); Coquille River (Bandon); Heceta Head; Lightship Columbia WLV 604; Tillamook Rock; Umpqua River; Warrior Rock Light; Yaquina Bay; Yaquina Head.

Will you "Light Up A Light" this year?

WORLDRadio Sold To CQ

WorldRadio Magazine has been sold. CQ Communications, Inc acquired the magazine in November. CQ Communications publishes CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications magazines. Plans are for WorldRadio to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines. Editor Nancy Kott WZ8C, will continue in that role.

WorldRadio subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. LIFE subscribers will have the full cost of their life subscription applied to a CQ publication of their choice.

More information may be found at:
www.wr6wr.com/

DXPEDITION TO DESECHEO ISLAND

The US Fish and Wildlife Service notified a group of hams led by veteran DXpeditioners Bob Allphin K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson W0GJ, that they will be able to mount a DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5, IOTA NA-095), February 12 - 26, 2009 <<http://www.kp5.us/>>. Desecheo is a small uninhabited island in the Mona Passage, 14 miles off the western coast of Puerto Rico. Desecheo is number 7 on the Most Wanted DX list and is part of the USFWS's national wildlife refuge system administered by the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Only 15 operators will be allowed on the island at one time.

According to DXCC Manager Bill Moore NC1L, the lack of amateur activity on Desecheo is due to the USFWS not issuing the needed Special Use permits. Johnson said the team will be running CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 meters.

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Notes from president, Robert WN7O may be found online at the club website:
www.otvarc.org/president/index.html

www.seapac.org

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